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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

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## Chapter 61

AN ACT Repealing State Police Enforcement at Agricultural Fairs.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

R. S., c. 32, § 20, repealed. Section 20 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed as follows:

'Sec. 20. Law enforcement. The chief of the state police shall assign members of the state police to special duty at all agricultural fairs for the purpose of enforcing the laws of the state.

All local and county law enforcement officers are directed to cooperate with the state police.

In case the said chief of police discovers that any agricultural club, society or fair association permits illegal sale of liquor, gambling or exhibitions of immoral shows at any such fair, he shall report the fact to the commissioner who may on such report refuse to pay the stipend provided for this chapter.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 62

AN ACT Relating to Children Attending School in Adjoining Town.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

R. S., c. 41, § 93, amended. The last sentence of section 93 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Except as above provided, a child may attend a public elementary school in a town in which his parent or guardian does not have legal residence other than the town where he lives with his parent as defined in section 44, after having obtained the consent of the superintending school committee of such town, or after a justice of the superior court has determined that such enrollment is conducive to the welfare of the child and to the interest of society and the parent or guardian shall pay as tuition a sum equal to the average expense of each scholar in such school.'

Effective August 20, 1955

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## Chapter 63

AN ACT Relating to Definition of Residence of Parents of Children of School Age.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

R. S., c. 41, § 44, amended. The last paragraph of section 44 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Subject to the foregoing provisions and further subject to such reasonable regulations as the superintending school committee shall from time to time prescribe, every person between the ages of 5 and 21 shall have the right to attend the public schools in the town in which his parent or guardian has a legal residence. Residence as used in this section shall mean the city or town where

the father maintains a home for his family. If the parents of the child are separated, residency shall be considered to be the town where the person having custody of the child maintains his or her home.'

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 64

### AN ACT Relating to Time of Meeting of Joint Superintending School Committees.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

R. S., c. 41, § 79, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 79 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Said joint committee upon notification by the Commissioner shall meet ~~between April 7 and June 30~~ annually during the month of December, at a day and place agreed upon by the chairmen of the committees of the several towns comprising the union, and shall organize by the choice of a chairman and a secretary.'

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 65

### AN ACT Relating to Advance Educational Subsidy Payments.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

R. S., c. 41, § 242, amended. Section 242 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 242. Apportionments. All apportionments to cities, towns, plantations, community school districts, academies and institutes under the provisions of this chapter, unless specifically directed by statute, shall be made annually in December, except that whenever the Commissioner is satisfied that a financial need exists, and with the approval of the Treasurer of State, an amount not to exceed  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the estimated subsidy may be paid on or after September 15; provided further that in the case of cities, towns, plantations or community school districts that are obligated to make payments to the Maine School Building Authority prior to December 1 of each year, only such subsidy apportionments may be made in advance as will leave an amount sufficient to meet their obligation to the Authority under their respective lease agreements.'

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 66

### AN ACT Relating to Willful Concealment of Merchandise in Stores.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

R. S., c. 132, § 10-A, additional. Chapter 132 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 10-A, to read as follows: